

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Dear Teachers:

As the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) commemorates the 150th anniversary of the famous Gettysburg Address delivered by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, we would like to extend to you an invitation to join us in specially-designed events to honor those iconic words. The Gettysburg Address has endured as one of the most important documents in U.S. history and is universally recognized as one of the most moving expressions of the democratic spirit ever. We would be honored if you would join us to celebrate these cherished words. Below is a list of the events we have planned especially for students:

I. Gettysburg Address Puzzle November 5, 6, and 7, 2013

Teams of students in grades 5-6 (on November 5), 7-8 (on November 6), and 9-12 (on November 7) will compete against one another at the ALPLM as they test their knowledge of the Gettysburg Address. An 18' x 30' unassembled puzzle that contains the 272 words of the Gettysburg Address will be placed in the ALPLM Plaza for teams to correctly reassemble. The fastest team, in each grade category will be awarded a prize, provided by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Entry forms, rules and a copy of the Gettysburg Address used in the competition accompany this letter. We hope that you will be able to participate in the competition. The competition will be webcast so participating schools will be able to see how their team is doing.

*Schools must pre-register their teams by October 28, 2013. A team consists of 5 people although an entire classroom is welcome to attend. ALPLM field trip rules apply.

II. The Gettysburg Address through Different Voices Workshop November 19, 20, and 21, 2013

This workshop is geared for students in grades 6 through 8. From the perspective of eight Civil War characters, students will interpret the meaning of the Gettysburg Address and engage in small and large group discussions facilitated by an ALPLM historian. Each student will create a word cloud rendition of the Gettysburg Address using Wordle for a souvenir.

**Schools registering for this workshop will receive an advance packet of information containing character's biographical information and discussion questions.

III. Webcast Friday, November 22, 1:00 pm

A live webcast that explores how Abraham Lincoln used language as a poetic device to compose the Gettysburg Address, featuring ALPLM historian, James Cornelius and a local university professor. Students engaged in the webcast will be able to submit their questions via text to a facilitator.

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Sincerely,

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CONTEST RULES

Gettysburg Address Puzzle Competition

Objective: To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) is sponsoring a competition for students to memorize The Gettysburg Address and assemble a timed puzzle of those iconic words. The Gettysburg Address is recognized as one of the most important documents in U.S. history, universally recognized as one of the most moving expressions of the democratic spirit ever.

Who May Enter: Competition is open to all school children in grades 5-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-12. Schools may bring more than one team from each grade level. Teams are comprised of 5 students. Register early—there will be a limited number of openings available.

- Grades 5- 6 will compete on Tuesday, November 5, 2013
- Grades 7- 8 will compete on Wednesday, November 6, 2013
- Grades 9-12 will compete on Thursday, November 7, 2013

Contest Entry Date: Schools must pre-register their teams by October 28, 2013. Competition times will be assigned after we receive registration.

General Conditions: Difficulty of the Gettysburg Address puzzle will vary according to grade level. Assembly of puzzle will be taped and used for promotional purposes. (Please use attached release form that each student must complete.)

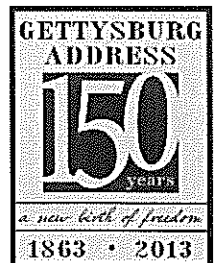
Judging:

- Judges will be ALPLM staff and guests.
- Contest will take place in a stationed area of the plaza in the ALPLM.
- Assembly of Gettysburg Address puzzle will be timed and begin at 9:30 am.
- Upon completion of puzzle, judges will check for accuracy.
- If corrections need to be made, the students will be permitted to locate their error and fix it. Once the error has been recognized and students have been notified, the time will start again. The time will be continuous through 3 attempts.)
- Teams will be given a maximum of 3 attempts to construct puzzle.
- Teams in each grade level that assembles the Gettysburg Address puzzle in the least amount of time will be awarded prizes. (All participants will be awarded a certificate recognizing their participation.)
- In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based on the judge's discretion.

Releases: By entering this Contest, contestants agree to allow the ALPLM to use their names, school affiliation and photographic images to be used for marketing purposes.

Winners List: Winner(s) will be announced on the ALPLM Facebook page and via a website blog posting.

Sponsors: Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation



Registration
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
Gettysburg Address Puzzle Competition

Please Type or Print

Primary Teachers Name _____

Complete Name of School _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

School Phone _____

Teacher Cell # (optional) _____

School Fax# _____

School District Name and # (if applicable) _____

School Federal Employer Identification Number _____

Primary Teacher's E-Mail Address: (If school e-mail is blocked, please list alternate address)

Grade Level _____

Names of Students Participating in Competition

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Number of additional students attending but not competing

Competition on November 5 for grades 5-6

Competition on November 6 for grades 7-8

Competition on November 7 for grades 9-12

REGISTRATION DUE OCTOBER 28, 2013



Registration
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
The Gettysburg Address through Different Voices Workshop
November 19, 20, and 21, 2013
9:30 – 11:00 am

Please Type or Print

Primary Teachers Name _____

Complete Name of School _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

School Phone (_____) _____

Teacher Cell # (optional) (_____) _____

School Fax# _____

School District Name and # (if applicable) _____

School Federal Employer Identification Number _____

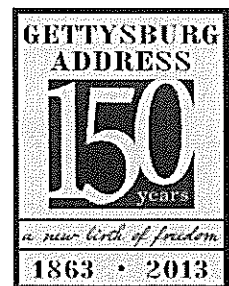
Primary Teacher's E-Mail Address: (If school e-mail is blocked, please list alternate address)

Grade Level _____

Number of students attending _____

- ☐ I am registering for the Tuesday, November 19 workshop
- ☐ I am registering for the Wednesday, November 20 workshop
- ☐ I am registering for the Thursday, November 21 workshop

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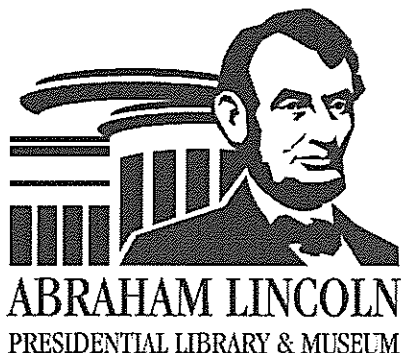


Gettysburg Address Edward Everett copy

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here, have, thus far, so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that, government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____

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Further, on behalf of myself, my agents, successors, assigns, children, and wards, I waive any right to review or approve any and all material set forth above together with any and all written material which may be used together with the material set forth above.

I understand and acknowledge that I will not receive any personal compensation in any form and hereby waive on behalf of myself, my agents, successors and assigns any and all claims or rights which I may now or hereafter have to such compensation.

Date _____

Signature _____

Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age:
